

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 30

By Miller

A RESOLUTION to commend Representative Jeanne Richardson for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should recognize those fellow legislators who have performed their elected duties with unprecedented devotion and whose efforts to excel have brought substantial benefits to their respective communities and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, one such intrepid individual is Jeanne Richardson, who has faithfully and honorably served the good people of the 89th House District during the 105th, 106th, and 107th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, Representative Richardson distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of Shelby County, who then evinced their confidence in her abilities as a legislator by electing and re-electing her to serve as their voice in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, a dignified woman who greatly values civil discourse, Representative Richardson served with impeccable statesmanship throughout her legislative tenure, during which she rendered sterling service as a member of the Children and Family Affairs Committee, the Health and Human Resources Committee, and the General Subcommittee of Children and Family Affairs; and

WHEREAS, a *cum laude* graduate of Memphis State University, from which she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in social work in 1971, Jeanne Richardson attended the University of Tennessee School of Social Work in 1977, earned a Master of Public Administration, Health Services Administration degree from Memphis State University in 1980, and completed

coursework through Saint Louis University in pursuit of a doctorate in Health Services Research Outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Representative Richardson dedicated a number of years to building a notable career in the area of Health and Human Resourced Development; and

WHEREAS, a highly-valued member of her community, Jeanne Richardson has dedicated her time and energies to a number of civic organizations and endeavors, including holding membership in the Memphis International Visitors Council, Park Friends, Volentine-Evergreen Neighborhood Association, the Sierra Club, the Shelby County Democratic Women, V & E Greenline, the University of Memphis Alumni, Pi Alpha, and the Shelby County Democratic Party, and she is a Lifetime Member of the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Representative Richardson is the recipient of the YWCA Leadership Award, Pi Alpha Alpha Public Administration Honorary Alumni distinction, the Dorthea Dix Mental Health Professional of the Year Award, the Sierra Club Award, and the Tennessee Transgender Political Coalition Award and has been recognized by the Tennessee Alliance for the Mentally Ill; and

WHEREAS, she is perhaps proudest of the love and support she shares with her three children and her grandchild; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Representative Richardson displayed vigor and determination as she worked tirelessly for the good of the people of this great State, and her service and devotion to the constituents of House District 89 should be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Representative Jeanne Richardson our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.